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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" About the framing and issuing of rules as early as possible, I have answered already. About the other fact mentioned by the hon. Member, I do not have any information."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since the matter is rather urgent and in view of the apprehensions entertained by the journalists as is seen by the previous question, may I request the Government to fix some date by which they could frame the rules and publish them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever be the urgency felt by the hon. Members and felt by the Government and whatever be the apprehension felt by the hon. Members, the hon. Member himself, being a lawyer, would realize that before finalizing the rules, they have to be thoroughly examined. That is being done by the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that Hyderabad, Mysore, and other State Governments have already framed their rules? That being the case, may I know why the Madras Government are delaying the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This Government have no information as to what the other Governments are doing or not doing."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know how long will it take to finalize their examination? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry I cannot tell the hon. Member the exact date when the rules would be finalized. I have already stated and I will repeat that this would be done as early as possible."

Land eviction in Wynaad

* *Short Notice Question No.* 16.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the letter from Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder, M.L.A. (Wynaad), addressed to the Governor of Madras on the question of land eviction in Wynaad; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received a copy of the report submitted by the Collector of Malabar to the Private Secretary to the Governor together with a copy of the letter of the hon. Member. This and similar other representations are under the consideration of the Government."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether pending consideration of this, the Government have postponed the question of eviction? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I want notice, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Considering their hardships, will the Government favourably consider the question of postponing eviction? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The encroachments are mostly by people from outside. Now, if these encroachments are allowed, that means, there will be no land to be assigned to hill tribes and the local residents. That is why, we have to take action in the matter if we are to rehabilitate the people of the locality who are in great need of land."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Now that the matter has been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of stopping eviction pending a final decision in the matter? " 9-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There was a request about it. I cannot exactly say now what they have decided in respect of the matter. Anyhow, I will examine it."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" For a proper appreciation of the seriousness of the problem, may I know from the Government, how many thousands of families and how many thousands of acres are involved in this eviction? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There have been 2,675 cases of encroachment during the period prior to 1st May 1948 and 4,325 cases of encroachment took place after 1st May 1948 and there are also 400 encroachments in the colony itself. I may also inform the House that one of the encroachers is the hon. Member who said the other day that he had donated one-fifth of his estate. He is also an encroacher in that area."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the policy of this Government in regard to this matter? While the Government are bringing forward legislation to prevent the private landlords from evicting the tenants, they themselves are evicting the tenants from their own lands. Is there not a contradiction in the policy of this Government in respect of this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is absolutely no contradiction. The policy of the Government is quite clear and it is to assign lands to the deserving and not to the undeserving."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, some 6,000 tenants have been served with 'quit' notice. Representations have been made to the Collector not to evict the tenants on whom such notice has been served. Now in view of the assurance of the Hon. Minister that he will consider the matter, will he at least see that necessary instructions are issued to the Collector of Malabar not to take any action on the notice pending a final decision which can be taken in consultation with the various interests concerned?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think the hon. Member knows the proverb that 'charity begins at home'. Now after satisfying the requirements of the locality, if there is any surplus land available, then we can think of giving it to others who have come from hundreds of miles away."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, on a point of personal explanation. The reply of the Hon. Minister was ambiguous when he stated that one of the encroachers was the hon. Member. If it is aimed at me, let me say that I am far away from the place of encroachment, hundreds of miles away as the Hon. Minister is. May I know to whom the Hon. Minister has referred?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I meant only the hon. Gentleman who donated one-fifth of his estate. This hon. Member did not donate one-fifth of his estate."

August salary to the employees of the Malabar District Board

* *Short Notice Question No.* 17—

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, we shall take up the question to-morrow."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" We are not meeting to-morrow."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, generally short questions are put in view of the urgency of the matter. When the Hon. Speaker had admitted such a question and the necessary instructions have been given to the Hon. Minister and the concerned department, I am grieved to note that the answer to a question which is so imperative and urgent is not given to-day."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I think the Hon. Minister has not received a reply from the Malabar District Board. He might have referred the matter to the district board."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in spite of our best efforts, it may not be possible to get the answer in time even though we are all very anxious about it. After all, the question refers to Malabar and we have to get a reply from Malabar. We cannot give an off-hand answer. I am sure, hon. Members will understand the difficulties of the Government in respect of this matter."